3.2.5 Cameron Run Group Summary

3.2.5.1 Cameron Run Watershed

Description. Cameron Run Watershed is a large watershed, with approximately 49 miles of stream assessed. The main stem drains through the City of Alexandria prior to re-entering Fairfax County and draining into the Potomac River.

Habitat. The habitat assessment results for Cameron Run Watershed are summarized by stream in Table 3-25. Habitat scores for each reach are depicted in Figure 3-31. Based on a length weighted habitat score of 92 (Table 3-2), Cameron Run Watershed is one of the poorest watersheds, compared to the rest of the County. Approximately 6 miles of stream were categorized as having "very poor" habitat conditions, 23 miles as "poor," 17 miles as "fair," and 2 miles as "good."

CEM. Based on the CEM evaluations approximately three quarters of the channels assessed in Cameron Run Watershed are in Evolutionary Stage 3 (Table 3-3), with most of the remainder of the watershed in Stage 4. Figure 3-32 summarizes the CEM results for Cameron Run Watershed.

Infrastructure. The infrastructure inventory resulted in 1015 inventory points. The most significant problems were related to a utility line, which was given an impact score of 15, and several pipes, ditches, erosional areas that were given impact scores of 10. The infrastructure inventory results are summarized in Table 3-26. Figures 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, and 3-37 summarize impact scores for the erosion problems; deficient buffers; crossings; pipes/ditches; and dumps, obstructions, and utilities, respectively.

3.2.5.2 Four Mile Run Watershed

Description. Four Mile Run Watershed is a large watershed with very little stream channel in the County, with approximately 1 miles of stream assessed. The majority of the watershed is contained within the City of Alexandria and Arlington County. Four Mile Run eventually drains to the Potomac River.

Habitat. The habitat assessment results for Four Mile Run Watershed are summarized by stream in Table 3-27. Habitat scores for each reach are depicted in Figure 3-31. Based on a length weighted habitat score of 96 (Table 3-2), Four Mile Run Watershed is in the lower range of quality, compared to the rest of the County. Approximately 0.3 mile of stream was categorized as having "poor" habitat conditions, 0.5 mile as "fair."

CEM. Based on the CEM evaluations approximately 60 percent of the channels assessed in Four Mile Run Watershed are in Evolutionary Stage 4 (Table 3-3), with most of the remainder of the watershed in Stage 3. Figure 3-32 summarizes the CEM results for Four Mile Run Watershed.

Infrastructure. The infrastructure inventory resulted in 32 inventory points. The most significant problems were related to two utilities and a buffer, which was given impact scores of 6. The infrastructure inventory results are summarized in Table 3-28. Figures 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, and 3-37 summarize impact scores for the erosion problems; deficient buffers; crossings; pipes/ditches; and dumps, obstructions, and utilities, respectively.

TABLE 3-25Habitat Assessment Summary for Cameron Run Watershed Fairfax County Stream Physical Assessment

	Linear Feet (Percent) of Stream										
Stream	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Total					
Backlick Run	9,764 (18.83)	25,937 (50.01)	16,159 (31.16)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	51,861					
Cameron Run	11,282 (70.68)	0 (0.00)	4,680 (29.32)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	15,962					
Holmes Run	3,950 (4.87)	42,328 (52.17)	24,390 (30.06)	10,465 (12.90)	0 (0.00)	81,133					
Indian Run	838 (4.60)	4,956 (27.23)	12,408 (68.17)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	18,202					
Pike Branch	0 (0.00)	11,344 (65.71)	5,920 (34.29)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	17,264					
Poplar Branch	0 (0.00)	2,011 (100.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	2,011					
Poplar Branch Trib to Indian Run	0 (0.00)	1,428 (24.41)	4,422 (75.59)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	5,850					
Tributary to Backlick Run	0 (0.00)	1,696 (41.02)	2,439 (58.98)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	4,135					
Tributary to Cameron Run	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	976 (100.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	976					
Tributary to Holmes Run	0 (0.00)	814 (100.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	814					
Tributary to Indian Run	0 (0.00)	1,314 (100.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	1,314					
Tributary to Tripps Run	2,928 (26.64)	8,064 (73.36)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	10,992					
Tripps Run	1,043 (9.12)	5,562 (48.63)	4,833 (42.25)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	11,438					
Turkeycock Creek	0 (0.00)	9,053 (53.50)	7,869 (46.50)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	16,923					
Turkeycock Run	0 (0.00)	9,188 (50.00)	7,303 (39.74)	1,886 (10.26)	0 (0.00)	18,377					
Watershed Total	29,806 (11.59)	123,696 (48.08)	91,399 (35.53)	12,351 (4.80)	0 (0.00)	257,252					

TABLE 3-26 Infrastructure Assessment Summary for Cameron Run Watershed Fairfax County Stream Physical Assessment

Impact Score	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	>10	Total
Deficient Buffers	4	2	18	23	28	107	38	38	11	3	0	272
Crossings	97	50	49	22	16	11	3	0	0	1	0	249
Ditches and Pipes	192	38	40	15	8	11	2	0	7	2	4	319
Erosion	0	1	0	2	4	18	14	28	8	3	3	81
Head Cut	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	5
Obstruction	3	1	7	10	13	6	8	5	4	2	1	60
Utility	2	0	0	8	3	3	6	3	0	2	2	29
Total	298	92	114	81	74	157	71	74	30	13	11	1015

TABLE 3-27Habitat Assessment Summary for Four Mile Run Watershed *Fairfax County Stream Physical Assessment*

	Linear Feet (Percent) of Stream										
Stream	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Total					
Four Mile Run	0 (0.00)	1,654 (100.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	1,654					
Long Branch	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	2,422 (100.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	2,422					
Watershed Total	0 (0.00)	1,654 (40.57)	2,422 (59.43)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	4,076					

TABLE 3-28 Infrastructure Assessment Summary for Four Mile Run Watershed Fairfax County Stream Physical Assessment

Impact Score	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10	Total
Deficient Buffers	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	N/A	6
Crossings	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	8
Ditches and Pipes	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	14
Erosion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0
Head Cut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0
Obstruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0
Utility	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	14	7	0	1	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	32













